

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama with the Chairman presiding and the secretary present. Board chairman, Jerry Satterwhite, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. There was a quorum of members present including: District I member, Sharon Argiro, District II member, Janet Rawls, District III member, Leisa Askew, District IV member, Paula Johnson, District V member, Teresa Young, District VI member, Jerry Satterwhite, and District VII member, James Ware. Executive Director, Brenda Holden, and Assistant Attorney General, Ellen Leonard, were also present. Ellen Leonard departed following completion of all agenda items except for review of PIP applications. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State's website.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Teresa Young to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections noted.

Old Board Business

- a) Complaint Status: Executive Director Brenda Holden reported that 5 complaints are currently open. Three are awaiting responses.
- b) The board reviewed and approved the list of new licensees.
- c) A hearing was conducted regarding Erin DeGostin, LGSW, with Cleophus Gaines serving as hearing officer. The hearing officer will provide the Board with a written recommendation within 30 days.
- d) Vivian Landers appeared before the Board. Leisa Askew made a motion at 10:35 a.m. to go into closed session for 15 minutes. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. At 10:47 a.m. Janet Rawls made a motion to leave executive session. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. Janet Rawls made a motion to allow Ms. Landers to renew her license based on the information already provided. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were Janet Rawls and Jerry Satterwhite. Voting not in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young, and James Ware. Paula Johnson abstained from voting. The motion did not pass. James Ware made a motion that Ms. Landers provide the information the Board requested contingent upon renewal of her license. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Leisa Askew, James Ware, Teresa Young, and Sharon Argiro. Voting not in favor of the motion were Janet Rawls and Jerry Satterwhite. Paula Johnson abstained from voting. The motion passed.

- e) In response to a request from Darlene S. Roberts, Paula Johnson made a motion that Ms. Roberts fulfill the original agreement for two years of supervision and submit a written report of supervision. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- f) The Board reviewed reference letters submitted by Pauline L. Jeremiah. Sharon Argiro made a motion that Ms. Jeremiah's license be reinstated. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. Janet Rawls abstained from voting. The motion passed.
- g) Teresa Young made a motion to accept an agreement signed by Hilan Jones to continue counseling for one year with quarterly reports to the Board. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. Paula Johnson abstained from voting. The motion passed.

New Board Business

- a) Paula Johnson had about 20 people come to the booth she staffed at the University of Alabama job fair in Gadsden. Brenda Holden spoke at the ASWB Spring Education Meeting in Quebec. Ellen Leonard spoke at the ASWB Spring Education Meeting in Quebec.
- b) The Board reviewed an example of the new score report format from ASWB.
- c) Sharon Argiro made a motion to allow Johnna Traffanstedt to take the licensing exam. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- d) The financial report for the period ending 3/31/09 was reviewed. It was noted that reserves are being reduced through expenses exceeding income. Raising fees will require a public hearing and revision of the Administrative Code.
- e) HB717 was passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for signing. Changes to the Administrative Code will be needed and this will require a public hearing. Board Chairman, Jerry Satterwhite, asked Janet Rawls to head a committee to work on revisions to the Administrative Code. Teresa Young and Sharon Argiro will assist. The committee will meet the afternoon of August 7, 2009.

PIP Applications

New applications

- a) Sharon Thomas Atkins—approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration.
- b) Melba Flowers Crawford—approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration, Social Work Research, and Community Organization.
- c) Joe Lane Dooley, Jr.—approved for Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Casework.
- d) Lisa L. Forman—approved for Clinical Social Work.

- e) Shannon Marie Polson—approved for Social Casework, Social Work Administration, and Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Research.
Additions to PIP
- f) Meredith Adams—denied Community Organization.
Received late
- g) Sharon Jones—no decision

Other Requests

- a) Approval of CE credit for all courses submitted by the Institute for Natural Resources was denied.
- b) With regard to a request from Gracy L. Martin, Teresa Young made a motion to give a one-time waiver of the CEU requirement for the LCSW. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- c) Approval of CE credit was given to several courses submitted by Troy University.
- d) The Board identified no problem with the job description submitted by Dawn Morrison.
- e) Kimberly Brown will be advised to restart her two year supervision.
- f) Regarding Laura Sneed, if she has two years supervision with DHR and six months supervision in the health care field, there is no need to repeat supervision.
- g) Vivian Humphries, LBSW, needs no additional supervision.

Proposed Date, Time and Location of next meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2009 in the Board Conference Room.

James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Jerry Satterwhite

Sharon Argiro

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

